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1. AMB HAN LIH-WU IN MANILA ON 30 SEPT ADVISED MR HENSON, CAT STA MGR AND MR P.K. MEI OF CAT TRAFFIC AND SALES, WHO CALLED ON HIM, THAT HE HAS ALREADY NOTIFIED AMB BISNAR, PI DFA LEGAL COUNSEL, THAT CHINESE GOVT DOES NOT WANT INTERRUPTION IN TAIPEI-MANILA SERVICE AND THAT CAT SHOULD CONTINUE BEYOND 5 OCT IF CAL CANNOT BE QUALIFIED BY THAT TIME. COL. LAI HAS ALSO WRITTEN AMB HAN 2 OCT, APPARENTLY NOT VIA GRC MOFA, TELLING HAN NOT TO LET SERVICE LAPSE ON 5 OCT. HAN ALSO SUGGESTED THAT PROMPT FOLLOW-UP ORIGINATE IN TAIPEI WITH GRC MOFA ON DUAL DESIGNATION, SINCE HE NEEDED MOFA INSTRUCTIONS BEFORE DISCUSSING AMENDMENT OF PROVISIONAL AIR AGREEMENT WITH FORSEC RAMOS.

2. AMB BISNAR HAS ALSO TOLD MR HENSON THAT GOP WAS READY TO FORMALLY CONCUR IN AMENDMENT INFORMALLY AGREED ON IN TAIPEI IN SEPT, AND THAT WHEN WORD RECEIVED FROM TAIPEI THROUGH AMB HAN, HE, BISNAR, WOULD PERSONALLY EXPEDITE ACTION WITH PICAB AND PRESIDENT MARCOS. HOWEVER, UNTIL MINISTER SHEN-YI RETURNS 4 OCT, DO NOT BELIEVE MUCH WILL HAPPEN IN GRC MOFA WITH FORNMIN

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WEI IN NEW YORK AND ONLY VICE FORMIN SAMPSON SHEN AT HELM.

3. PICAB PRELIMINARY HEARING ON CAL APPLICATION TAKING PLACE THIS DATE MANILA. CAL BEING REPRESENTED BY PAL LAWYER. BELIEVE IT LIKELY BECAUSE OF GRC PRESSURE ON PICAB THAT NORMAL GAZETTING PROCEDURE MAY BE WAIVERED FOR CAL, SINCE THIS PERMISSIBLE BY LAW. THIS SHOULD SAVE THEM SOME THREE WEEKS, BUT BISNAR STILL FEELS CAL IS OPTIMISTIC ABOUT WHEN THEY CAN START SERVICE. AMB HAN HAD ASKED FOR PROVISIONAL OPERATING PERMIT BY 9 OR 10 OCT, OBVIOUSLY FOR FACE REASONS CONNECTED WITH DOUBLE TEN CEREMONIES.

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